

Newsletter

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RECTOR'S MESSAGE



Dear All,

I am indeed filled with a sense of gratitude for this opportunity to write my message for the second and last edition of our school Newsletter for 2024. Once again, this year has been replete with many realisations, a school calendar with the usual challenges, events, milestones that are part and parcel of school life stretching from January to December. The articles and pictures are in themselves revelatory of the lived experiences of students at DRSC, which provide them ample means and ways to explore their latent hidden potential in a wide range of activities along with their academic journey.

To all DRSC students my sincere wish and dream is that you all achieve success in your academic path and you become accomplished, cultured youngsters who can discriminate between right and wrong, recognise priorities while enjoying school life. May the coming new year rekindle the motivational flame in each and every young learner to aim high, to surpass oneself, to take full benefit and advantage of opportunities galore. May you recognise your good fortune and you work hard to achieve what is within your reach. Learn to value and treasure what is at your doorstep and welcome it wholeheartedly. It's a

privilege that is renewed every year with freshness and abundance, learn to cherish what is so magnanimously offered to you. Ring in 2025 with strong resolutions!

I wish to thank each and everyone of the DRSC community for 2024. A special thanks to Mrs Bhunjun Ramma for the editing and a big shout out to Mrs Dosieah for the graphic designing and all staff and students for their articles. I wish to thank all educators, administrative and ancillary staff, students and PTA for their contribution throughout the year.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2025!

(Mrs M. Sookharee)

PTA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this academic year ends, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the contribution of our students, parents and teachers for making this year another memorable and successful one. This is an opportune moment to celebrate the collective achievements of our school community. This year our students have excelled in various domains, be it academics, sports, cultural and social initiatives. Their commitment to excellence and their determination to go above and beyond have been truly inspiring. As we prepare to embark the new academic year, we are thrilled to onboard the Grade 10 students who will be joining our school in January 2025. I am confident that our students will ensure the new members feel at home in their new environment by providing their support and guidance and foster a spirit of camaraderie and inclusion. The holiday season brings a chance to recharge, spend time with family and friends and prepare for the exciting challenges and opportunities of the year to come. I encourage you to take this opportunity to rest, reflect and come back reinvigorated for the New Year ahead. On behalf of the PTA, I wish you and your families a festive season filled with warmth, love and happiness. May the New Year 2025 bring new beginnings and countless blessings.



Warm regards, **Mrs. Doomila (Reshma) Seewoosurrun**



Our MUN Journey: Diplomacy, Debate, and Discovery

Participating in a Model United Nations (MUN) conference was more than just an academic exercise; it was a transformative experience that brought together passion, teamwork, and personal growth. Representing our school for both the regionals and the nationals, we embarked on a journey to explore global issues, sharpen our communication skills, and immerse ourselves in the world of international diplomacy.

The Preparations

Preparation was key to making our MUN experience memorable. From researching our assigned country's policies to understanding the intricacies of international relations, every step required dedication. Delegates spent countless hours drafting position papers, practicing speeches, and preparing to navigate the challenges of committee debates. This process not only honed our knowledge but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among team members.



The Conference Experience

The conference itself was a whirlwind of energy and ideas. Dressed in formal attire, we entered our respective committees, ready to represent our countries with confidence. The debates were intense, the discussions enlightening, and the resolutions innovative. Navigating heated negotiations and forming alliances taught us the value of diplomacy and the art of compromise. The highlight for many was the opportunity to voice our perspectives on pressing global issues like climate change, human rights, and international security. Engaging with delegates from different schools and cities enriched our understanding of diverse viewpoints and inspired us to think critically.

Challenges and Triumphs

Of course, the journey was not without challenges. Crafting speeches under time pressure, tackling unexpected questions and balancing assertiveness with diplomacy tested our abilities. However, these moments also became opportunities to grow. Whether it was securing support for our draft resolution or receiving recognition for our efforts, every triumph, big or small, fueled our motivation.



Beyond the Conference

MUN was more than just an academic event; it was a platform for personal development. We learned to collaborate effectively, think on our feet, and communicate with clarity. The friendships forged during the conference and the lessons learned will stay with us for a lifetime.

Participating in MUN taught us that every voice matters, and even as students, we can contribute to shaping a better world. As we returned to school, we carried not just memories but also a renewed sense of responsibility and determination to make a difference.

For anyone looking to step out of their comfort zone and explore global issues with like-minded peers, MUN is a journey worth embarking on.

*Diya Sreebahun
Grade 12 O*

ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY 2024

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The annual school prize-giving ceremony is a much-anticipated event in the academic calendar at DRSC; a time to celebrate the achievements and hard work of students throughout the year. Held in the school auditorium on 21st June, the event brought together students, teachers, parents, and the local community to honour academic excellence, sporting achievements, and personal growth. On that day our chief guest was Dr Oomesh Shamloll, Head of Cardiology at Jeetoo Hospital Port -Louis.

The ceremony typically began with an opening address by our rector, Mrs Sookharee, who reflected on the year's successes, challenges, and the values that the school strives to instill in its students. Then our chief guest

delivered an inspiring address, motivating the students to pursue their dreams with dedication and resilience, encouraging them to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. The atmosphere was filled with excitement and anticipation as students, dressed in their finest uniforms, eagerly awaited the announcement of various awards.



Students who had shown exceptional dedication and achievement in their studies or extracurricular activities during the previous academic year were called to the stage to receive certificates, trophies, and medals.

These accolades not only acknowledged their hard work but also served as a source of motivation for their peers. The prize-giving ceremony was followed by a vibrant celebration of Music Day, where students showcased their musical talents in a series of captivating performances.

The prize-giving ceremony is a heartfelt celebration at DRSC that highlights the importance of effort, perseverance, and community in a school's success. It's a moment of pride for students, teachers, and families alike, creating lasting memories and fostering a sense of achievement.

Mrs. Bhunjun Ramma Maya

PRIZE WINNER'S PERSPECTIVE

Our esteemed institution has a long-standing tradition of producing exceptional achievers each year. When I first joined in Grade 10, I witnessed the grand prize-giving ceremony, a true reflection of the high standards upheld by this college. The long rows of prize recipients, along with the praise, recognition, and special attention given to each individual, ignited a sense of ambition within me—a fire I had not realized existed. At that moment, I knew I had to stand on that stage and receive a prize myself, at least once. And so, the moment finally arrived—it was my turn. I was honoured to receive first prize for Literature in English. There's nothing quite like the satisfaction of knowing that you worked relentlessly, gave your utmost effort, and carried the confidence that your hard work would pay off. When my name was announced on stage, I felt an overwhelming sense of pride—not only for myself but also for my parents. Seeing them specially invited to share in the celebration of my achievement was, without a doubt, the most fulfilling feeling in the world. I urge all of you to dream big and put in the hard work, for the rewards are well worth the effort. Strive to make our school proud and, most importantly, believe in yourselves.

By Nagapen Aroulvaami.
Prize Winner Literature in English G10 (2023)

Our Laureates



Droopnath Ramphul State College Blood Donation 2024

A Resounding Success

On 14th May, 2024, *Droopnath Ramphul's Science Health and Wellness Club* organized a blood donation drive that exceeded all expectations. Held in the school hall, the event saw students, educators, and community members coming together to donate blood and support a vital cause. The blood drive was organized in collaboration with Blood Bank Mauritius, with a goal to make a positive impact on the community's health needs. The Science Health and Wellness Club spearheaded the event, demonstrating their commitment to promoting health awareness and community service within the school.

The event kicked off at 8.30 in the morning. The atmosphere was filled with ardor.



Students, many of them first-time donors, lined up to contribute to the cause. The event was not only a success in terms of participation but also in fostering a sense of unity and compassion within the school community. By the end of the day, a total of 121 pints of blood had been collected, surpassing initial expectations. This notable contribution will directly benefit patients in local hospitals, providing life-saving care to those in need.

The success of the blood drive wouldn't have been possible without the tireless efforts of the Science Health and Wellness Club, the support of sponsors namely Le Cannonier hotel, Ora Hair and Beauty, Mr Jungal and Fracht (Mauritius)Ltd and not to forget the generosity of the Droopnath Ramphul community.



With such an incredible turnout, Droopnath Ramphul State College looks forward to making the blood donation drive an annual event. The overwhelming support from the community has shown that together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of others.



"We are so proud of our students and staff for coming together for such an important cause,"

Mrs Soophul, the event organizer.

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BENEVOLENT CLUB

Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.
- Howard Zinn.

With this maxim as our guiding star, the DRSC Benevolent club embarked on a journey to spread warmth, joy, and love to those often overlooked in the tapestry of life. It is in this spirit that our club has strived not merely to engage in charitable acts but to weave a legacy of compassion that bridges the chasm between generations.



As we stand at the cusp of a new era, with fleeting distractions and digital connections, we often forget the transformative power of human warmth. Yet the beauty of kindness lies in its ability to transcend barriers of age, experience and time.

Our club, the cornerstone of compassion and selflessness, has always introspected the multilateral spheres of bettering human life within and outside the college compass. Our achievements are the altruistic imprints we leave on people's lives. This school of thought shaped students' perspectives in a way where they took substantial lessons home.



Lesson 1: Empathy is the essence of Humanity.



The first endeavour paved our way to Saint Jean de Dieu charitable trust, an old age home nestled amidst verdant gardens, where the air is thick with tales of bygone eras. Here, our members, armed with an arsenal of handmade cards and endearing illustrations sought to infuse the space with hues of joy. Each drawing bore the innocence of youth and the sincerity of a kind heart. We sang lilting melodies—some golden classics from their youth and we shared heartfelt poems. Faces, marked by the passage of time, brightened with joy, and the laughter that filled the room resonated with a chorus of gratitude and a sense of belonging.



Our next venture, which was Maharana Pratap Residential Care Home. Our young members got to take handful from the experiences of these elderly people and these visits somehow altered their perspectives as youngsters, to respect, care and help our elders. Laughter, often dismissed as trivial became the bridge uniting young and old in a shared ephemeral joy.



Lesson 2: Unity is strength.

In order to prepare donation necessities, the entire DRSC family has contributed magnanimously. Our club, on both visits, donated items from essential supplies to little tokens of comforts, Christmas gifts and a meal of the day, which became instruments of hope to these elderly people. Students got to work collaboratively with all the teachers for the fund-raising activity organised to finance the donations thus reinforcing



team-building spirit from a young age. The teaching and non-teaching staff along with students gathered to cook 'Ti-puris' to make our club activities a striking success.

As the president of the Benevolent club, it is my solemn privilege to guide such magnanimous souls. Watching my peers, often derided as a generation ensnared by screens, transform into beacons of light for those who feel forgotten, was a sight both humbling and inspiring.

To my fellow students, let this account serve not merely as a chronicle but as a clarion call. If there is one takeaway from these experiences, it is this: in giving, we receive infinitely more. Let us, as torchbearers of humanity, as a school and community cherish and uphold values of empathy for it is the bedrock of humanity. The benevolent club will continue its mission, steadfast and undeterred, for in every act of kindness, we build a legacy that outlasts time itself.

Mrs Pillay

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.
- Mother Teresa

Ramayana Chanting Competition



On June 7, 2024, the students of Droopnath Ramphul State College achieved an extraordinary victory by securing first place in the College category at the Ramayana chanting competition. The event, which attracted participants from various institutions, celebrated the profound cultural heritage and spiritual teachings of the Ramayana.

Our team from Droopnath Ramphul State College impressed the judges with impeccable recitations and a deep understanding of the sacred verses. Our dedication and hard work were recognized with a cash prize of Rs 15,000, presented by the Prime Minister on August 11, 2024, further enhancing the prestige of our achievement.

Reflecting on the experience:

Shiveshsingh Kalichurrun, a participant from the team, shared, "Participating in the competition was both challenging and rewarding. It allowed me to connect deeply with the teachings of the Ramayana."

Vainavi Mishti Untoo said, "Taking part in the Ramayana Gayan was an incredibly enriching experience. It allowed me to rediscover my cultural roots, learn valuable lessons, and form lasting friendships."



Lekhrajsingh Shreyas Juggoo commented, "Participating in the Ramayana Singing Competition was an unforgettable experience. It was amazing to share my love for music and the Ramayana. From the small rehearsals in class to the final performance on stage, it was an incredible journey."



Netri Khurug added, "This victory is not only ours, but also a reflection of the support and guidance from our mentors and peers. Winning the Ramayana competition after days of teamwork was an overwhelming mix of pride, gratitude, and accomplishment. It truly showcased the power of collaboration."

The rector congratulated the students, highlighting the significance of such events in preserving and promoting cultural traditions. This achievement represents a proud moment in the history of Droopnath Ramphul State College, setting a benchmark for future participants in the celebration of cultural heritage.

Dr R.Sooklall

Young Makers Design for Impact Challenge

Students have participated in the “Young Makers Design for Impact Challenge” organised by the U.S. Embassy in collaboration with the Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre and Code for Mauritius (which is also associated with Code For DRSC).

The team included Nikhil Purlackee, Divya Taukoordoss, Krrishna Ramsurrun, Neeshi Lucka and Sidhi Hurdoyal alongside their mentor, Mrs Dosieah.



In this competition, we decided to make a prototype based on traffic jam, as it is a worldwide issue, especially at DRSC itself, where many students come late to school due to traffic jam. The application promotes the term “carpooling”, encouraging multiple people to use the same vehicle. With this mindset, there will be fewer vehicles on the road, therefore making the traffic more fluid.

The team has also made a concept video to convince an audience to use the application. According to the Judge, the video was so impressive that they decided to award the team the “Best Concept Video” award.

Nikhil Purlackee (G13 O)

Top of the world award: Additional Mathematics

What an unforgettable day it was! The day I saw my name listed among the top achievers in Additional Mathematics for the November 2023 series. A wave of jubilation and fulfillment washed over me, and all I could feel was pride in my accomplishment. This goal had been in my sights since the very start of Grade 11, and the journey leading up to this moment now felt like a breeze.

In my opinion, Additional Mathematics is one of the most fascinating subjects at the SC level. After every class, I made it a point to review what I had learned both at school and during tuition. I diligently practiced past papers to ensure I achieved my goal. While some students find the subject boring and difficult, I couldn't disagree more.



As Albert Einstein once famously said, to master a subject, one must continue asking questions to teachers or peers until they can confidently answer any related question.

I would like to express my gratitude to all my Additional Mathematics teachers who have supported me throughout this journey: Mrs. Inderjeet, Ms. Soondur, and Mr. Pierre. While I humbly accept this achievement, I believe there is still much more to learn. This prize is simply the result of my dedication, hard work, and passion for the subject.

Udhav Kaulesarsingh (G12 O)

La Journée des Sports : Une ode de la compétition et de la solidarité sportive

La Journée des Sports, emblème de rassemblement et de compétition, transcende l'exercice physique pour devenir une fête enivrante des principes fondamentaux de l'humanité. Dans un tourbillon de passion, les sportifs, animés d'une ferveur inégalée, rivalisent dans une noble recherche d'excellence. Chaque pas franchi, chaque bond effectué, chaque épreuve surmontée témoignent d'un entraînement rigoureux, d'une résilience sans faille. Alors que les applaudissements

résonnent, un sentiment de fraternité envahit l'atmosphère et une camaraderie palpable se tisse, faisant disparaître les frontières entre les élèves. Aujourd'hui, en ce lieu sacré où la fraternité et la persévérance se rencontrent, on célèbre une fois de plus le rôle essentiel du sport dans l'épanouissement complet de chaque étudiant. Cette célébration demeure un creuset d'inspiration, forgeant le caractère et nourrissant l'âme.

Mr. Rampersad



“Sports unite hearts and break barriers—

it's a universal language of passion and hope.”



Les jeux en plein air : un terrain de jeu pour l'épanouissement des élèves.



Proposer des activités ludiques en extérieur aux élèves reflète une approche éducative qui vise à favoriser l'épanouissement complet de chaque individu. Ces activités, savamment mises en scène, marient jeu et acquisition de connaissances, offrant ainsi un terreau propice à l'épanouissement tant physique, mental que social. Dans l'immensité du ciel, les compétiteurs se lancent dans des défis empreints de camaraderie, cultivant ainsi la solidarité et la force mentale. Les jeux sont comme des étincelles pour l'imagination, nourrissant la capacité à trouver des solutions dans des situations diverses et variées. En s'évadant des limites de la salle de cours, ces aventures sensorielles insufflent une énergie revitalisante, sculptant des êtres épanouis, prêts à relever avec calme les défis de l'avenir.

Mr Rampersad

TAFISA World Walking Day



TAFISA, or the International Sport for All and Physical Activity organization, is important to Mauritius because it promotes the value of physical activity and sport for all:

TAFISA's mission

TAFISA believes that physical activity and access to sport are basic human rights, and that they contribute to the quality of life for individuals, communities, and nations.

TAFISA's events

TAFISA offers events and programs for all to participate in, including TAFISA World Walking Day, which takes place on the first Sunday of October.

CHRISTMAS OF HOPE: A CELEBRATION OF JOY AND TOGETHERNESS

This holiday season, Droopnath Ramphul State College had the privilege of spreading some extra holiday cheer by hosting a group of children for a special Christmas celebration. The event, held on 12th December 2024, was a heartwarming reminder of the power of kindness, community, and the true spirit of giving. From the moment, our special little ones entered the gymnasium, they were greeted by the sounds of music, delicious scents of festive foods, and the excitement of Christmas-themed games. One of the highlights of the celebration was the gift giving. Each child from the orphanage received a present, carefully chosen and wrapped with love by our students and staff. The smiles and joy that filled the room as each child opened their gift was a beautiful reminder of the impact of simple acts of kindness. It was a moment of genuine happiness that transcended all the challenges the year may have brought.

This event was more than just a holiday celebration; it was an opportunity for our school community to come together and demonstrate the power of generosity. The outpouring of kindness and support was a beautiful reflection of the values we hold dear at Droopnath Ramphul State College. As the event came to an end, both our students and the children from the orphanage left with full hearts and unforgettable memories. It was an afternoon that brought our community closer together, and reminded us all of the importance of spreading love, especially during the holiday season. The success of this Christmas celebration is a testament to the power of coming together to make a positive impact on the lives of others.

Reva Beechook (G12 V)



The Duke of Edinburgh Award- Rodrigues

Our college organized the Final Gold Adventurous Journey, which took place in Rodrigues. The participants were divided into two groups for better control and coordination. Group 1 consisted of 65 girls from both Grade 11 and 12, while Group 2 included 51 boys from both Grade 11 and 12. On December 2, 2024, the first group departed Mauritius, followed by the second group on December 3, 2024, as they embarked on their expedition.



Upon arrival, both groups embarked on a bus tour of the island, visiting popular attractions such as Caverne Patates and Pont Suspendu, among others. After a day filled with exploration, they made their way to Auberge Royal to pack their bags and prepare for the adventure that lay ahead.



On Day 1, the group set off from the Auberge, making their way to their first campsite at Mourouk Beach. They were accompanied by two local guides and Mr. Serabdunsing, a P.E. teacher. Throughout the day, several students faced challenges such as respiratory issues and nausea. However, with the help of our dedicated support team, these obstacles were quickly overcome.



On Day 2, the group departed from Mourouk Beach and headed towards Saint François Beach. Along the way, they were awed by the breathtaking natural wonders, including Trou d'Argent and Anse Bouteille. The coastal scenery of Rodrigues was truly a sight to behold. However, the night at Saint François proved challenging as the tents struggled against the strong winds.

By Day 3, the participants were exhausted, but their determination was even stronger. They pushed through and successfully reached their final destination, Caverne Patates, safe and sound.

On Day 4, the journey was drawing to a close. While the participants were happy, a sense of sadness lingered in their hearts. They packed up and made their way back to Auberge Royal. During the day, they had the opportunity to visit the Regional Assembly of Rodrigues before heading to Port Mathurin to immerse themselves in the local culture.



On December 7, 2024, the first group returned to Mauritius, accompanied by Mr. Mohun, who assisted them throughout the departure process. The second group followed on December 8, 2024, marking the conclusion of the Adventurous Journey.

Bhugaloo Kapil (G12 V)

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year 2025

From The DRSC Family

